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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the May 23, 2005 Office Action ("Office Action") issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. Pending claims 20 and 34-37 have been finally rejected in the Office Action. Applicants maintain that the claim amendments presented herein should be entered as they place the application in a condition for allowance or, alternatively, in a better form for appeal.